

Bible study: Is COVID-19 God's Judgement?

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We are in a very stressful time. All of the nations of the world are fighting against an unseen enemy. You may be wondering if it is the end of the world, because a world-wide virus sounds much like the plagues and judgement described in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 18:8

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

The purpose of this study is to show that COVID-19 is not God's judgement. We who believe that the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ paid for all of our sins, have been saved and promised that **we will not see God's wrath poured upon the earth**. We believers will be taken to live with Jesus Christ before the world is judged. The verses below remind us of God's promise that we will not see His wrath. We should remind ourselves and each other of our salvation and God's promise.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

The world has been under God's curse ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. It is an evil place. God sent His son to save us and deliver us from this present evil world.

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from **our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus told us that He currently has nothing to do with the prince of this world. The prince of this present, evil world is an evil being, Satan. It won't always be that way but it is now. The evil things that happen in the world today are not from God, but from Satan.

John 14:30

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.**

The problem for all of us is that we still live in this world and are affected by the things that happen here. As believers, we know that God wants us not to worry about anything. We are

to think about the salvation He has given us and with thanksgiving for that, approach Him with all of our requests and concerns. He promises that when we pray in that manner, we will receive His peace which passes all understanding.

Philippians 4:6-7

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** And **the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Some of you may be concerned that you are not praying exactly “right.” God knows that we do not know how we should pray, so God promises that the Holy Ghost will intercede for each of us, making our prayers exactly right! Paul then says that we **know** all things work together for good. We may not see it, but we have God’s assurance that it is so.

Romans 8:26-28

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for **we know not what we should pray for as we ought:** but **the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of **the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.** And **we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,** to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Paul reminds us of the most important thing. We will suffer in this world, while we are here, but we will not be here forever. Any suffering we do today is not worth comparing to the glory that is our certain hope.

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

Paul calls earthly suffering “our light affliction,” and reminds us that we should not focus on the things we see right now, but the things we cannot see. They are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While **we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

Amen

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